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Columbarium bill authored by Rep. Brooks Signed into Law

Madison, WI—Governor Scott Walker signed Senate Bill 229 into law today. The bill was authored by Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) and Senator Mary Lazich (R-New Berlin) and was approved unanimously, via voice vote, in both houses of the state legislature.

“I am pleased that this bill was able to make a much-needed change to state cemetery statute while simultaneously protecting the final inurnment wishes of Wisconsin citizens,” said Representative Rob Brooks. “With more individuals choosing cremation over traditional burial, SB 229 will ultimately affect every legislative district in our state. Furthermore, this legislation provides religious associations with the ability to build, oversee, and maintain columbaria located on property they own, much like cemeteries are statutorily permitted to do,” Representative Brooks stated.

SB 229 ensures that local zoning ordinances are protected, by establishing a one-year moratorium for local municipalities to develop ordinances relating specifically to columbaria. This is Representative Rob Brooks’s first piece of legislation to be signed into law.

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